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Location

1. A tank caterpillar factory is located near Moscow. The factory is situated beyond the eastern outskirts of Moscow. It is northeast of the road leading to Ryazan. 200-300 meters southeast of the above factory there is a smaller factory. Tank parts are produced in this factory, but no details are known.

History of the Factory

2. The factory, the Soviet name of which is not known, was constructed prior to the war. It was damaged during hostilities. Repairs are still taking place. Repairs in the foundry have been completed.

Production

3. Caterpillar tracks and wheels of various types and sizes are produced. Source of raw material and the destination of finished products are not known.

Personnel

4. About 4,500 workers are employed in three shifts. In October 1950 there were only about 100 German PWs left. The remainder of the workers were Soviets. The name of the director of the factory is not known.

Pay

5. Skilled PWs earned 850-1000 rubles a month. Of this sum, about 350 rubles were deducted for lodging, heating, clothing, board, etc. 150 rubles were handed to the worker. It is not known what happened to the remainder of

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the money. Unskilled workers, who amounted to about 80 percent of the PWs, earned so little that nothing was left over when they had paid for their keep.

Food Prices

6. Below is given a list of prices charged at the PWs canteen:

	<u>rubles</u>
1 kg of very poor quality black bread	3.40
60 gr white bread	3.70
1 kg butter	60.70
1 kg margarine	37
100 gr sugar (very seldom obtainable)	6

Approximately the same prices were charged in the works' canteen.

Security Measures

7. The factory is surrounded by a high wall with barbed wire at the top. There are watchtowers outside the factory premises. Guards consist of MVD and civilians. Passes are checked by guards at the entrances.

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